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SUBJECT: TOUR OF OPERATION PLUS ULTRA

1. THREE SPANISH DIRECTORS OF OPERATION PLUS ULTRA ARE NOW IN THE UNITED STATES PLANNING A VISIT BY SIXTEEN CHILDREN OF VARIOUS NATIONALITIES, INCLUDING AMERICANS, WHO HAVE PERFORMED ACTS OF HEROISM. VISIT IS BEING SPONSORED BY SPANISH RADIO/TELEVISION CHAIN, AIRLINE IBERIA AND CONGLOMERATE OF SPANISH BANKS.

2. THE DIRECTORS ARE JOSE MIGUEL GARRIGUES WALKER, JOAQUIN PELAEZ AND FRANCISCO VALENCIA, PROMINENT BUSINESSMEN WHO WILL BE REQUESTING A MEETING FOR CHILDREN WITH PRESIDENT FORD SEPTEMBER 9-15. GARRIGUES IS SON OF FORMER JUSTICE MINISTER WHO WAS AMBASSADOR TO WASHINGTON IN THE SIXTIES.

3. IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT THE SPANISH EMBASSY IS ALREADY IN TOUCH WITH DEPARTMENT TO ARRANGE VISIT.

4. DIRECTORS CALLED ON ME PRIOR TO DEPARTURE FOR US TO BRIEF ME ON VISIT OF CHILDREN WHO WILL FIRST GATHER IN MADRID WHERE THEY WILL BE RECEIVED BY KING. CHILDREN WILL ALSO BE RECEIVED

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IN ROME BY POPE AND ITALIAN PRESIDENT AND THEN

PROCEED TO US. DIRECTORS INQUIRED WHETHER
PRESIDENT WOULD BE ABLE TO RECEIVE CHILDREN IN
WASHINGTON. I SAID I WOULD REQUEST DEPARTMENT
TO RAISE MATTER WITH WHITE HOUSE.

5. I URGE FAVORABLE RECOMMENDATION TO WHITE
HOUSE.
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